



Californians for Western Wilderness



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The Honorable Mike Chrisman
Secretary for Resources
California Resources Agency
1475 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Chrisman:

Thank you for your April 13, 2005 letter to Los Padres National Forest Supervisor Gloria Brown, urging the Forest Service to adopt the alternative that is most protective of roadless areas, in the forthcoming Final Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement.

Your strong support for keeping roadless areas roadless -- both in the Los Padres and elsewhere in California -- is essential. We hope that -- in addition to road construction -- you will also oppose other activities that would violate the Roadless Area Conservation Rule as initially adopted, such as commercial logging and all new oil and gas activity. Now that the Roadless Rule has been repealed, California's roadless areas are at risk.

If the Final Environmental Impact Statement allows exploration and development in roadless areas, we hope that the Schwarzenegger administration will join with us and others in challenging the Forest Service's plans.

Again, we appreciate your opposition to drilling in roadless areas of Los Padres National Forest. We hope you will join us in working to reinstate real and permanent protection for all of California's wild areas.

Sincerely,

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